

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 6137

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As Reported by Senate Committee On:  
Ways & Means, April 26, 2009

**Title:** An act relating to common schools.

**Brief Description:** Relating to common schools.

**Sponsors:** Senator Prentice.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Ways & Means: 4/26/09 [DPS, DNP, w/oRec].

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

**Majority Report:** That Substitute Senate Bill No. 6137 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Prentice, Chair; Fraser, Vice Chair, Capital Budget Chair; Tom, Vice Chair, Operating Budget; Fairley, Hobbs, Keiser, Kline, Kohl-Welles, Murray, Oemig, Regala and Rockefeller.

**Minority Report:** Do not pass.

Signed by Senators McDermott and Schoesler.

**Minority Report:** That it be referred without recommendation.

Signed by Senators Zarelli, Ranking Minority Member; Brandland, Honeyford, Parlette and Pflug.

**Staff:** Bryon Moore (786-7726)

**Background:** The 2007-09 Omnibus Appropriations Act provides transfer authority among the various appropriations to the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) for the support of K-12 common schools. Under Substitute House Bill 1244 (omnibus operating budget) enacted in the 2009 Legislative Session, the specific program appropriations that are allowed to be transferred are general apportionment; employee compensation adjustments; pupil transportation; special education programs; institutional education programs; transitional bilingual programs; and learning assistance programs. Given the potential volatility around caseloads and other cost drivers in these programs, the purpose of this

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transfer authority is to provide additional flexibility to OSPI in managing its overall appropriation level.

**Summary of Bill:** The bill as referred to committee not considered.

**Summary of Bill (Recommended Substitute):** The list of OSPI appropriations that may be transferred to cover under or over expenditures in other programs is expanded to include the I-728 Student Achievement Fund allocations.

**Appropriation:** Yes.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Committee/Commission/Task Force Created:** No.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

**Staff Summary of Public Testimony:** No public hearing was held.

**Persons Testifying:** N/A.